

# CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

MAY 28, 2021



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The City Manager's Update is a weekly newsletter that provides information about ongoing projects, events, and initiatives across League City.



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Join us for a ceremony and events to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. | [See page 1](#)

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# Memorial Day Ceremony

League City residents are invited to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony and events on Monday, May 31 to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

## Ceremony: 10 a.m.

The ceremony—which will feature remarks by League City Mayor Pat Hallisey, local veterans, and a presentation by an Honor Guard—will be held at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. Parking will be available at the Fire Station Drill Field at 718 N. Kansas Avenue.

## League City Historical Society: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Following the ceremony, residents are invited to visit the grounds at 210 N. Kansas Avenue for an outdoor learning experience that tells the story of the past 100 years of war and conflict. Living history re-enactors will explain the significance of League City's Gold Star families and the meaning and symbolism of the poppy. Water and lemonade will be served. Limited on-site parking is available with additional parking at Butler's Courtyard.

## American Legion Lunch: Noon to 2 p.m.

Stop by American Legion Post 554 for a complimentary hot dog lunch and soft drinks at 1650 Highway 3.



**League City TEXAS**  
**League City Memorial Day**  
**MAY 31**

**10 a.m.**  
**Fairview Cemetery**  
\*Parking at Fire Station Drill Field at 718 N. Kansas Ave.  
A short ceremony will honor those in our community who have died during military service.

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**League City Historical Society**  
210 N. Kansas Ave.  
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**Noon to 2 p.m.**  
**American Legion Post 554**  
1650 Highway 3  
Complimentary hot dog lunch with chips and soft drinks.

**Inscribe a poppy**  
honoring someone who died during active military service as part of a "Garden of Memories" interactive art display on the grounds of the historical society.



## Memorial Day Impacts

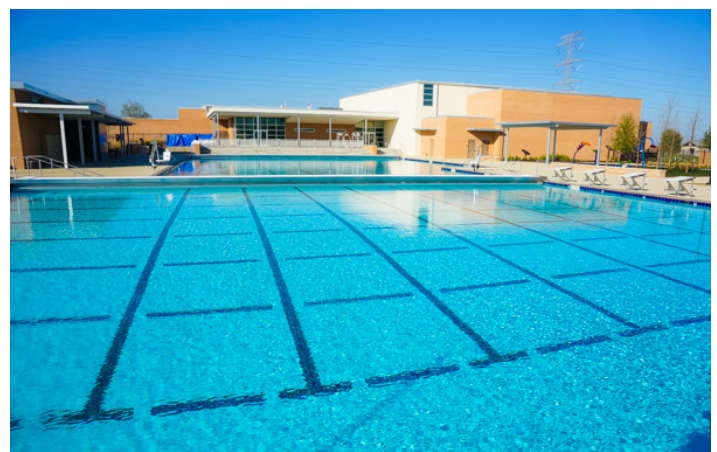
The City of League City will close on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

All City parks, public safety, and emergency services will have normal operations throughout the holiday, however, indoor facilities at Hometown Heroes Park and the police records department will close. The Helen Hall Library will be closed from Saturday, May 29 through Monday, May 31. Residential and commercial trash routes will run at their regularly scheduled times.



## Pools Open for Summer

To kick off Memorial Day weekend, the Walker pool and Hometown Heroes Park pool will be open to the public on Saturday, May 29 through Monday, May 31 from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission to the pools is FREE to the public during Memorial Day weekend only.





## Mayoral Panel

The League City Regional Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals will be hosting a Mayoral Panel on June 4. The panel will feature a number of mayors in the region, including the mayors of League City, La Marque, Santa Fe, and Dickinson. The panelists will discuss their experiences being mayors and the work that goes into being mayor of a city. Register [here](#).

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 LEAGUE CITY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
 Young Professionals

# MAYORAL PANEL

**June 4, 2021 • 8:30 am - 10:00 am**  
 Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center | 400 W. Walker St., League City

<b>Clear Lake Shores</b> Kurt Otten	<b>Dickinson</b> Sean Skipworth	<b>Friendswood</b> Mike Foreman	<b>Galveston</b> Craig Brown	<b>Kemah</b> Carl Joiner	<b>La Marque</b> Keith Bell	<b>League City</b> Pat Hallisey	<b>Santa Fe</b> Jason Tabor	<b>Texas City</b> Dedrick Johnson, Sr.
								

## Blood Drive

Be a hero and donate blood at the upcoming League City Community Blood Drive on June 7 at the Rec Center. Plenty of spots are still available. Sign up for a time slot [here](#).



## Last Sunday in the Park

The last Sundays in the Park event of the summer will be held on May 30 with a performance by Texas TNT at League Park from 12 to 4 p.m. Along with musical entertainment there will be food trucks and family-friendly games, crafts, and demonstrations by League City Animal Care as well as representatives from the Armed Forces.

League City's Emergency Management Department will be on-site to provide information for you to prepare for hurricane season, which begins on June 1. Stop by and learn about what you can do to make sure you're prepared, and take a picture at their interactive booth.

Admission is free, but guests are asked to bring pet food or pet supplies that will be donated to League City Animal Care. Attendees are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and coolers (cans only please) to enjoy a day of fun at the newly remodeled park. Pets are welcome as well. For more information and a full lineup of all Sunday in the Park events, visit [leaguecitycvb.com/sundays](https://leaguecitycvb.com/sundays).





## Public Safety Updates

### Officer of the Quarter

The supervisors of League City Police Department's "D Platoon" recently nominated Officer Keith for officer of the quarter because he has demonstrated excellent work ethic and positive attitude. He has conducted thorough investigations with high quality reports, which have led to multiple arrests. It is examples like these that demonstrate how Officer Keith's dedication to police work and service to the community reflect well upon himself and the department. During this quarter alone, Officer Keith has seized approximately 31.67 grams of marijuana, 251.97 grams of Alprazolam, 7.73 grams of MDMA, and a handgun possessed by a convicted felon, as well as recovering a stolen vehicle. Job well done, Officer Keith!



### Teen Police Academy

High school students are invited to join the men and women of the League City Police Department to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will experience a "behind the badge" view of core police functions and what it takes to become a police officer. The Teen Academy consists of a series of classes and hands-on activities designed to give the cadets a working knowledge of our police department. The Teen Academy is open to teens 14 to 18 years of age who reside in League City, or attend a League City public or private school. This includes all public, private, and homeschool students in League City. The academy is free of charge and space is limited. The classes will be held Monday, July 19 to Friday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cadets will learn about:

- Patrol procedures
- Crime scene investigation
- Criminal law
- Firearms safety
- Traffic stops
- Positive team building activities and more

Applications can be obtained at the LCPD front lobby desk or records window or downloaded [here](#). The application deadline is Friday, July 2.

For more information, contact LCPD Community Outreach Officers Todd Young at 281-554-1848/[todd.young@leaguecitytx.gov](mailto:todd.young@leaguecitytx.gov) or Trevor Montero at 281-554-1889/[trevor.montero@leaguecitytx.gov](mailto:trevor.montero@leaguecitytx.gov).



## Helen Hall Library Updates

### Babies and Books

Tickles, giggles, rhymes and a story for those who BYOB (bring your own baby)! The first one will be June 2. For babies 0 to 15 months.



### Dice & Dimensions

Discover a realm of infinite possibilities by joining us for tabletop role-playing games! All experience levels are welcome. Thursday, June 3 from 5 to 7 pm. For ages 12-18.



### Your Library: Behind the Scenes

See what makes Helen Hall Library your favorite library! Get a personal tour! It all happens on Thursday, June 3 starting at 11 am.



### *Absolute Equality Mural*

On Monday, June 7, find out more about the mural made to honor Juneteenth and equality.

This program will be held in the Theater from 7 to 8 pm.

Come learn the details of how the mural came to be from local historian Sam Collins III.

Helen Hall Library

## Highlights

**Friends of the Library Book Sales:** On May 15, \$978.00 was made in book purchases, and \$1,999 was earned on May 22! Almost \$3000 total! Way to go, Friends, and thank you, League City citizens!

### Library Closed, Memorial Day Weekend:

The library will be closed Saturday, May 29, Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31.

**Summer Reading Begins!** Summer Reading begins for all ages on Tuesday, June 1! Make sure you register on Beanstack, our new digital way of tracking reading time. Get ready for some awesome programs, performers, and prizes, too.

Follow this QR code to access Beanstack:



## Parks and Recreation Updates

### National Trails Day

League City is celebrating National Trails Day on June 5 with a free, family friendly event from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside. In addition to a guided tour of the trail there will be plenty of fun activities for the kids including games, inflatables, and giveaways. Parking is limited. The City will be providing a free shuttle from Kids 'R' Kids Daycare, 170 Bay Area Blvd.



### Astronomy in the Park

Astronomy in the Park is back this summer! The class will meet the first Saturday of every month starting in June at Rustic Oaks Park from 7 to 10 p.m. We encourage those attending to bring binoculars if you have them. The free program will run from June through November.



## Animal Care Updates

### Fosters for Kittens

It's "Kitten Season"! Kitten season is the time of year when shelters and rescues see a huge spike in newborn kittens. League City Animal Care is currently receiving multiple litters of kittens every day! These little ones cannot stay at the shelter as they need to be cared for overnight. By joining the team of Foster Lifesavers, you can help save the lives of orphaned kittens in need. League City Animal Care provides foster supplies such as food, litter, containment, formula, bottles, and more! Want to help? Visit our [website](#) to learn more.





## Public Works Updates

### Memorial Day Flags

This week, Traffic crews set out flags along Marina Bay Blvd., Main St. and also FM 518 to honor our military personnel for Memorial Day.



### Traffic Signal Systems

The Traffic and Transportation Department recently installed and tested a new traffic signal battery backup system that can run traffic signals for over 10 hours after a loss of power. The new Uninterruptable Power Supply "UPS" system will help us be better prepared when we experience long term power outages. Our current UPS systems will run four hours of normal operation, then will flash red for two hours before the batteries completely drain. These times are reduced further when the temperatures rise in the summertime. The batteries for the new system are not affected by warmer temperatures, are smaller, and also have a 10-year life expectancy. Traffic staff tested the UPS system by turning off power at the electrical service at the beginning of the day, then returned 10 hours later before going home to re-energize the electrical service. The traffic signals ran for 10 hours straight on battery power running all signal colors without going to red flash. Crews plan to perform further testing before adopting this new standard.



### Upgrades at Nature Center Pavilion

This week, contractors and Park Operations Department employees completed a joint project at the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudley Clear Creek Nature Center. The project was the construction and installation of a rain gutter and rain barrel system at the Nature Center Pavilion. This new rain gutter and rain barrel system will collect water runoff from the pavilion roof and store it inside two rain barrels located next to the pavilion. The stored water will then be used for watering the Butterfly Gardens/Monarch Waystation at the Nature Center. This is a much needed addition to the park, since there are no utilities at the Nature Center. The rain gutter and rain barrel system project completes one of the goals from the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudley Clear Creek Nature Center Management Plan. That goal states that we should explore water smart methods to utilize stormwater runoff at the Nature Center for habitat enhancement of the Monarch Waystation and Coastal Prairie Restoration areas. The League City Patrons of the Parks Foundation paid for this project using Memorial Funds that were given in honor of Dr. Ned and Fay Dudley. For more information on this project, or if you are interested in volunteering with the Parks Department, please contact John at (281) 554-1156, or [john.orsag@leaguecitytx.gov](mailto:john.orsag@leaguecitytx.gov).





## Public Works Updates

### Public Works Crews Participate in Sundays in the Park

The Wastewater/ Water Production and Line Repair Departments participated in "Sunday in the Park" event on May 23. This event allowed the Wastewater department to provide information on operations and maintenance of the wastewater treatment/collection system and also provided Fat Trappers to citizens. Fat Trappers are part of the Cease the Grease campaign to minimize fats, oil, and greases in the collection system. If you would like a Fat Trapper, please call the Wastewater Department at 281-554-1320.

Water Production provided citizens with an in-depth look into the operation of the water system. This consisted of source water management (groundwater and surface), maintenance of equipment, chemical process control, and Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. Being able to help our citizens gain knowledge of the Water Production Department will benefit the community in understanding how the water gets from the source to their tap. If you have any water concerns or questions, please reach out to our office at 281-554-1041

The Line Repair Department displayed equipment used in the repair and maintenance of water and sanitary sewer lines. Also on display were an assortment of fittings and repair clamps and a cut away model showing underground water and sanitary sewer pipes. The model allowed Line Repair staff to demonstrate how water and sewer lines are connected to homes and explain to citizens where city and homeowner responsibility of repair and maintenance begin and end.



### Contest Winners

Congratulations to this year's Drinking Water Week poster contest winners! The first place award was given to 7th grader Doga Ozecik and second place was awarded to 8th grader William Loeffler. Both winners are students at League City Intermediate. The posters will be on display at the Public Works Operation Center this summer.



## CIP Updates

### **Turner/Butler Reconstruction Project (ST1501)**

This project is designed to convert Turner Street (between Calder and Butler) and a section of Butler Road up to League City Parkway from asphalt roadway to a concrete roadway, with two travel lanes and a continuous left turn lane and a roundabout at the Turner/Butler intersection. The construction of this project will improve traffic mobility and provide overall drainage improvements. Construction began with overlapping construction at the I-45/League City Parkway intersection which caused traffic control issues for residents of Sedona and Brittany Lakes. Taking that into account, Council approved accelerated construction for two lanes of the 4-lane Ervin-Hobbs Connector Project in order to provide alternate access while Butler and Turner were under construction.

This project reached substantial completion (beneficial use) on May 3rd when traffic was open for use to the public. There are a few items outstanding for final completion, including the stained/stamped inner circle of the roundabout, some missing sections of sidewalk, and cleanup. Over the last two weeks, weather has slowed progress and delayed concrete installation. Pending clearer weather, final completion is anticipated in June.

### **Hometown Heroes Park Improvements - 5K Loop Trail, Eastside Dog Park & Fitness Course (PK1803/PK 1906)**

The 5K Loop, approved and funded by the 4B Corporation, will completely encircle the existing park with an additional loop taking in an undeveloped portion of the park to the east of the current recreational facilities and the eastern-most parking lot. The trail will consist of a 10-foot wide decomposed granite trail bounded by two concrete curbs to stabilize the trail surface material and lower maintenance costs. The Eastside Dog Park will be constructed adjacent to but outside of the trail within the undeveloped section of the park. The Fitness/Obstacle Course will be southeast of the Recreation Center near the park boundary and accessed easily from the eastern parking lot.

Bid opening took place on May 25, 2021, and a construction contract is anticipated to be awarded at the June 8 Council meeting. Construction is estimated to begin in late June 2021 pending contract execution.

### **15" Willow Branch & 18" FM 518 Gravity Line Replacement (WW2101)**

This project was identified in the 2018 Wastewater Master Plan and includes increasing the size of approximately 2,100 feet of existing 15-inch sanitary sewer along FM 518 to 18-inch and increasing the size of approximately 1,800 feet of existing 12-inch sanitary sewer along Washington Street and Willow Branch Drive to 15-inch. The upsized gravity lines will properly convey existing and projected peak wastewater flows through the year 2037 and will help maintain regulatory compliance regarding sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). The professional services agreement was presented to Council for award on May 25, 2021. Design is proposed at 195 days and is programmed in the FY2021-2025 CIP for FY2022 construction.



## CIP Updates

### GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

The following projects are part of the GO Bond election that was approved on May 14, 2019 and their purpose is to improve drainage in their respective areas. This update is not a complete list of all bond projects underway. Look for updates on GO bond projects each week in the CMU.

**Dove Meadows & Borden's Gully Detention Pond (DR1903):** The Bay Colony area, including Dove Meadows Subdivision, is impacted by existing drainage culverts at Hughes Lane and W. Deats Road. This area is also impacted by the condition of Dickinson Bayou downstream of these culverts. The proposed improvements to this area include the construction of a 115-acre-foot detention pond between the east side of Dove Meadows and Borden's Gully. The city and consultant met on April 6 to discuss 90% design plan submittals and how to proceed to 100% design. The city received the Nationwide Permit Verification from the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) on April 16, 2021, which will allow the city to move forward pending land acquisition. Land acquisition for the location of the detention pond is anticipated to be resolved in 3-6 months. Pending land acquisition, the design of this project is anticipated to be complete late Summer 2021 and construction is expected to begin in late FY2021.

**The Meadows Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project – Phases 1 & 2 (DR1905):** In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, City staff began working with various engineering companies to conduct a high-level review for some of the City's hardest hit areas. The Meadows Subdivision was one such area. This project will address chronic flooding by providing a clear, unobstructed drainage flow along the drainage easements. Freese & Nichols, Inc. (FNI) will provide engineering services for the preliminary design, along with recommendations for improvements, and review the need for detention in the area.

The consultant delivered the second final draft report submittal on April 14, 2021. The report is currently under review by the city staff. A Teams meeting was held on April 29, 2021 with the consultant and city staff to discuss scheduling a public meeting and moving into Task 2 (Preliminary Engineering Report) of the project. On April 29, 2021, a Notice to Proceed was issued to the consultant to proceed with Task 2 of the project. The city anticipates holding a public meeting to discuss the findings of the final report in late June or early July.